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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 0607

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UN, SENV, SF

SUBJECT: UN WORLD WATER CONFERENCE: SOUTH AFRICA PARTICIPATION

REF: USUN 567

1. SUMMARY: SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION QUERIES USUN
AS TO WHETHER IT WISHES TO DISCUSS SAG ATTENDANCE AT
THE CONFERENCE. SOUTH AFRICA PLANS TO ATTEND "IN
PRINCIPLE" BUT FINAL DECISION HAS NOT BEEN MADE.
END SUMMARY.

2. ON MARCH 3, MISOFF RECEIVED UNSOLICITED TELEPHONE
CALL FROM FIRST SECRETARY, SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION
(GERICKE) CONCERNING SAG PARTICIPATION AT WORLD WATER
CONFERENCE. GERICKE ASKED WHETHER USUN WAS INTERESTED
IN MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN DEPUTY PERMREP (EKSTEEN)
TO DISCUSS SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION AT THE CON-
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REFERENCE, AND WHETHER WE HAD HEARD ANY RUMORS
ABOUT CONTEMPLATED OR LIKELY REACTIONS TO THEIR
PRESENCE. MISOFF RESPONDED: A) NEGATIVELY TO THE
NEED FOR A MEETING AT THIS TIME; AND B) THAT WE
HAD NO CONCRETE INFORMATION AT THIS JUNCTURE REGARDING
PLANS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS RESPONDING TO SOUTH AFRICAN
ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE, THOUGH, AS SAG AWARE, MEMBERSHIP

OF CONFERENCE WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY SAME AS THAT OF UNGA.

3. MISOFF TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF GERICKE'S CALL TO QUESTION HIM ABOUT SOUTH AFRICAN INTENTIONS. GERICKE ASSUMED THAT WHILE THEY PLAN TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE "IN PRINCIPLE," AT THIS JUNCTURE, THEY HAD NOT YET MADE A FINAL DECISION OF WHETHER TO GO OR NOT. IF THEY WENT, THEIR DELEGATION WOULD BE COMPOSED OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS, REFLECTING SOUTH AFRICAN INTEREST IN WATER-RESOURCE MATTERS. GERICKE ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THERE WAS A RUMOR CIRCULATING THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S CREDENTIAL WOULD BE CHALLENGED UNDER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BOUTEFLIKA RULING; HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE, HOWEVER, TO PIN DOWN SPECIFICS.

4. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE UK DELEGATION WHICH IS ALSO CURRENTLY SPOKESMAN FOR THE EC-9. THEY HAD NOT YET BEEN APPROACHED BY THE SAG, AND HAD NOTHING TO ADD.

5. COMMENT: THE NATURE OF THE CALL SUGGESTS THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION UN NEW YORK IS INTERESTED IN SOME INDICATION OF HOW THE U.S. VIEWS SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION AT THE CONFERENCE.
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